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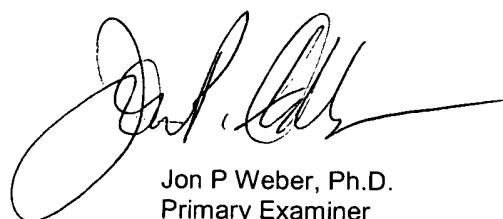
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The communication filed 08 November 2002 is not fully responsive to the Office communication mailed 11 October 2002. Of the two species that were supposed to be elected, only the first species (a) was elected; the second species (b) was not elected. Applicant's election of Group I in Paper No. 5, filed 08 November 2002 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

Since the reply appears to be bona fide attempt to comply with the requirements of the restriction election, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH from the mailing date of this communication within which to correct the deficiency in order to avoid abandonment of the application under 37 CFR 1.821(g). EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Jon P. Weber, Ph.D., Art Unit 1651, whose telephone number is (703) 308-4015.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.



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